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Re Application of: Svendsen et al.

Application No.: 09/441,313

Group Art Unit: 1632

Filed: November 16, 1999

Examiner: To be assigned

For: α -amylase variants

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith a reference which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

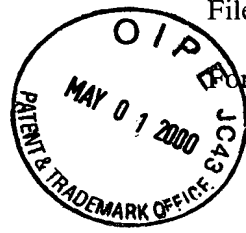
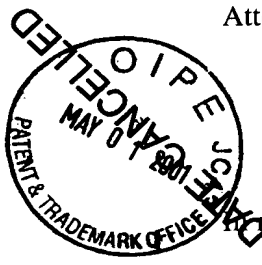
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The reference is listed in Form PTO-1449 which is in accordance with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 609. A copy of the reference is also enclosed. The reference is as follows:

1. WO 97/43424.

It is respectfully requested that this reference be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of

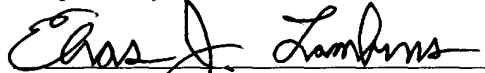


record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached reference.

The supplemental information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is due.

Date: April 24, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

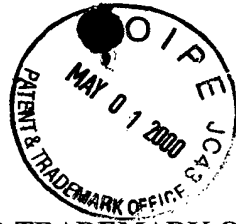
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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- 2. Form PTO-1449
- 3. Copy of Reference

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